Exemption to Small Scale Units from DPCO

598. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has made recommendations in regard to exemptions of Small Scale Units from Drug Price Control Order;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any exemption was allowed to the Small Scale Units under DPCO, 1979;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any relaxation is allowed under DPCO, 1987; and

(f) if so, on whose reommendations such relaxations have been granted in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) For the present, the Govt. has no intention of withdrawing the exemption granted to SSI Units vide this Ministry Notification No.S.O.719(E) dt. 21.7.1988.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, exemption from Price Control on Category-III formulations was allowed to SSI Units having annual sales-turn-over less than Rs. 50 lakhs under DPCO, 1979.

(e) All SSI Units are exempted from the operation of the DPCO, 1987, in so far as they relate to formulations specified in Category II of Third Schedule on the said Order, subject to qualifying the conditions stipulated in the notification No. S.O.719(E) dated 21.7.1988 of this Ministry.

(f) The relevant Orders were issued in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 31 of DPCO, 1979 and paragraph 28 of DPCO, 1987.

Price Control on Drugs

599. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has adopted a new criterion in the Supplementary Report that those drugs which have been excluded from WHO essential list may be price decontrolled;

(b) if so, what are the names of drugs recommended for price decontrol;

(c) names of the producers, licensed capacity and production of each drug during the last three years, yearwise; and

(d) what was the price fixed of formulations based on each drug under DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (*SHRI J. VENGAL RAO*): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the table of the House.

Import of anti-cancer drugs

600. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous technology of certain anti-cancer drugs has been developed in the country and commercial production has been established since last four to five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that licensed and installed capacity of each as well as production is much more than the demand of the country;

(c) whether it is also fact that these drugs are being exported and the same material is being imported thus wasting foreign exchange of the country;

(d) if so, names of those drugs and what is the import policy in regard to these drugs; and

(e) what are the reasons for allowing import of such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Working Group on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals for the Seventh Five Year Plan has estimated the demand for only two anti-cancer drugs viz. 5 Fluorouracil and Cyclophosphamide. The

demand and approved capacity are given below:—

Item	Demand by 1988-89(Kg.)	Approved capacity (Kgs.)
5-Flourouracil	200	60
Cyclophosphamide	335	600

Producition as well as installed capacity of these drugs are not monitored by this Department.

(c) and (d) Details of exports are not monitored by this Ministry. However several anti-cancer drugs such as Azathioprine, Busulphan, Chlorambucil, Cyclophosphamide, Fluorouracil, L-Aspraginane, Melphalan, 6-Mercaptopurine, NNN-Triethylone Thiophosphamide, Vinblastine Sulphate and Vineristine are being imported. Import of these drugs is determined by the Import-Export Policy for the period April, 1988 to March, 1991.

(e) The import policy for a drug is determined in consideration of several factors, including its domestic demand, indigenous availability etc.

Load Shedding in Malaviya Nagar

601. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that load shedding in South Delhi colonies and especially in Malaviya Nagar is on the increase during the last three months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there have been numerous complaints of low voltage in Malaviya Nagar, New Delhi during the past three months; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to augment the situation before the summer is set in and whether the low-voltage is due to old wiring and if so, what steps are being taken to replace the old wiring with the new wiring in Malaviya Nagar, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) As a result of continuing maintenance and augmentation work, power supply in South Delhi Colonies including Malaviya Nagar is by and large satisfactory.

Work on Sonepur Bazari opencast project

602. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) What progress has been made in respect on the Sonepur Bazari opencast project in Eastern Coalfields for which the World Bank has agreed to provide 115 million dollars; and

(b) When was the project cleared by the Central Government and how much more time it is going to take to start the work and what are the reasons of delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Sonepur Bazari 'A' Opencast project of Easten Coalfields Limited was sanctioned by Government in July, 1985 with a target capacity of 3.00 million metric tonnes per year to be achieved by March, 1981. The project could not be implemented so far mainly due to delay in getting possession of land required for development of the project. The project is now expected to be completed by March, 1994.

Monitoring Cell for Price Decontrolled Drugs

603. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: